Cases pending under the Delhi Rent Control Act, 1952

1997. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases pending in Delhi Courts for eviction, non-payment of rent, misuse of premises, subletting, unauthorized construction under the Delhi Rent Control Act, 1952;

(b) the number of such cases which are over 2 years, over 5 years and over 7 years old separately in Tis Hazari Courts and Delhi High Court; and

(c) what remedial steps Government propose to take to ensure immediate disposal/settlement of these cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) The Government are proposing to bring about an amendment to the Delhi Rent Control Act, 1952 with a view to striking a balance between the interests of land-lords and tenants. This, it is expected, will reduce the arrears.

Merger of Air Force Unit run canteen with Canteen Stores Department

1998. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that working conditions are laid down for employees of Air Force Unit Run Canteens by Air Headquarters;

(b) if so, by when the pay scales are likely to be framed for these employees by Air Headquarters;

(c) what are the reasons that margin of profit for unit run canteens is determined by Canteen Stores Department of Ministry of Defence;

(d) whether Government propose to merge the Unit Run Canteens in Canteen Stores Department or constitute a Corporation for the purpose; and

(e) if so, by when, and if not what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The pay scales of employees of Air Force Unit-run Canteens are determined by the local management of each canteen with reference to the profits and workload, which differs from canteen to canteen. As such, the pay scales of the employees in the Unit-Run canteens vary from place to place.

(c) The margin of profit is determined by the Canteen Stores Department because it procures and distributes canteen goods to the Unit-Run Canteens.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) The Unit-Run Canteens are managed by the concerned units as private establishments. The profits of these canteens are also utilised for the welfare of troops. The formation of a Corporation with these Canteens or merger of these canteens with the Canteen Stores Department is, therefore, not cinsidered feasible.

Investigations into the affairs of Air Force Unit run Canteen

1999. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the rampant corruption prevailing in Air Force Unit-Run canteen especially in the Western Air Command Unit run canteen at Subroto Park, New Delhi;

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the profit of the units run canteens are manupulated and misappropriated in such a